

## IN THE SENATE

## SENATE BILL NO. 1210

## BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

## AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AUTHORIZING FUND DEPOSITS; DIRECTING THAT THE IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND ONLY OPERATE THE NECESSARY NUMBER OF COTTAGES; DIRECTING THAT THE IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS WITH ENTITIES THAT USE CAMPUS FACILITIES; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR PERSONNEL COSTS; DIRECTING SALARY REDUCTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind the following amounts to be expended for the designated programs according to the designated expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
I. CAMPUS OPERATIONS:			
FROM:			
General Fund	\$4,096,200	\$529,800	\$4,626,000
Miscellaneous Revenue Fund	2,400	181,800	184,200
School for the Deaf and the Blind (Endowment) Fund		134,800	134,800
Federal Grant Fund	<u>35,300</u>	<u>168,800</u>	<u>204,100</u>
TOTAL	\$4,133,900	\$1,015,200	\$5,149,100
II. OUTREACH SERVICES:			
FROM:			
General Fund	\$2,386,400	\$256,600	\$2,643,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$6,520,300	\$1,271,800	\$7,792,100

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind is authorized no more than ninety-three and seventy-four hundredths (93.74) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, for the programs specified in Section 1 of this act, unless specifically authorized by

1 the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any  
2 increased positions so authorized.

3 SECTION 3. The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind may deposit any funds ap-  
4 propriated by Section 1, Chapter 293, Laws of 2008, in a contingency reserve fund created  
5 pursuant to Section 33-3409, Idaho Code.

6 SECTION 4. The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind shall not operate any resi-  
7 dential cottages beyond those necessary to provide single-gender accommodations for students  
8 attending from locations that are too distant to participate in the campus day program. If an  
9 additional cottage is necessary, the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind shall report to the  
10 Legislature the justification and costs for the additional cottage.

11 SECTION 5. The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind shall enter into agreements,  
12 including a schedule of fees, to cover the costs of general maintenance and utilities, with enti-  
13 ties that use campus facilities on a regular basis.

14 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to retain to the  
15 extent possible, our capable, quality employees who support the essential services and statuto-  
16 rily authorized programs that the citizens of Idaho expect. The Legislature finds these critical  
17 essential services to be those that maintain the health and safety of our citizens and the ed-  
18 ucation of our children. While extending flexibility to the Governor and agency directors to  
19 manage the state workforce to the best of their ability during these difficult times, it remains the  
20 responsibility of the Legislature to identify priorities for the state workforce. The Legislature  
21 finds that reductions in personnel funding shall first be managed through salary reductions that  
22 impact all personnel fairly; secondly, be mitigated by the use of existing salary savings; thirdly,  
23 by using savings created by keeping newly vacated positions unfilled; fourth, by the use of fur-  
24 loughs; and lastly, as a last resort, by reducing the workforce. It is the intent of the Legislature  
25 that these policies shall be adhered to by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches to the  
26 extent allowed by law.

27 SECTION 7. SALARY REDUCTION. Inasmuch as salary reductions will save jobs; and  
28 inasmuch as a five percent (5%) reduction in personnel funding may create a reduction in force;  
29 and inasmuch as the state as a single employer of multiple departments and agencies is required  
30 by law to direct across the board salary adjustments; agencies and institutions shall reduce all  
31 salaries of classified and nonclassified employees, regardless of fund source, by three percent  
32 (3%) for fiscal year 2010, beginning on June 14, 2009, through June 12, 2010. Agencies shall  
33 use personnel cost savings, furloughs, and a reduction in force to manage the remaining two  
34 percent (2%) in funding reductions. The Division of Human Resources shall adjust all pay  
35 schedules for the classified personnel system downward to the extent that all beginning mini-  
36 mum salaries are three percent (3%) less than those in effect upon the date of passage of this  
37 law.

38 SECTION 8. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to  
39 exist, Section 7 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.